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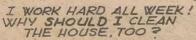


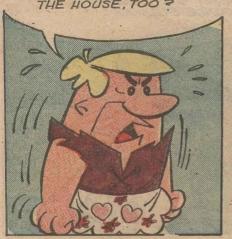














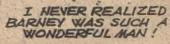






















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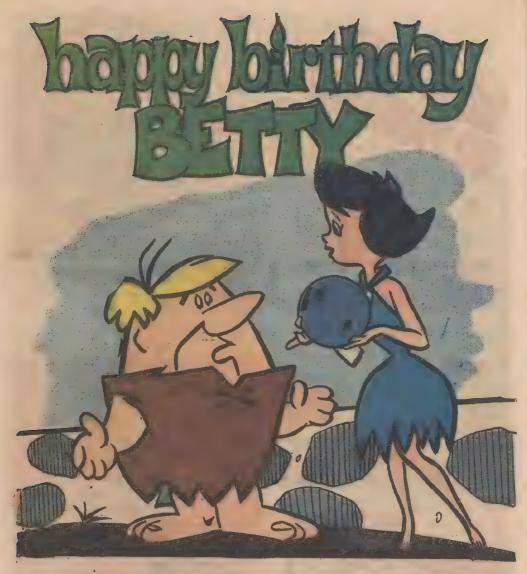












"She has a great day for it, Barney, oi' boy!" Fred chuckled as he drove toward the Bedrock Quarry where he and Barney worked.

"What has a great day for what, Fred?" Barney asked, even though he knew he shouldn't.

Fred looked at him pityingly, "Ya mean ya ferget?"
"Course, I didn't forget!" Barney snapped.

Fred nodded. "That's good."

They rade awhile in silence. Barney was biting his tongue, but finally he had to find out,

"Duh, Fred?"

"Yeah, Barn?"

Barney looked worriedly at him. "What was it ya thought I forgot?"

Fred laughed. He laughed some more. Barney felt

like loosening his teeth.

"Ya really did forgot, didn't you? And ya didn't buy her a birthday present?"

Barney stared at Fred, then he understood. Today was Betty's birthday!

"Omigosh! Wot'll I do, Fred? I've gotta get her somethin' nice, and I get no dough saved for a present."

Fred snickered at him. "Ya got money, shorty. Ya got \$16 buried in the tin can in the back yard."

Barney looked shocked. "You know what that's for, Fred!"

He broaded over it all day. He had to buy Betty  $\sigma$  birthday gift. He'd have time if he hurried out right after supper. Fred had assured him that Wilma was

already baking a birthday cake for her friend, so the party was taken care of. All he had to do was buy her

the gift.

Fred didn't offer any more advice for a change. But every new and then he snickered as he watched Barney brood over the problem. Finally, at quitting time, both friends were in Fred's car speeding homeward.

"Well, shorty? What're ya gonna do?" Fred said, hiding his grin.

Barney smirked back. "Don't worry, Fred. I got it all figgered out!".

At home, Fred dropped Barney at his door. Barney zoomed to Betty, gave her a kiss, then rushed out the back door. Everyone in both houses knew he was digging up his 'secret' savings account. Barney ran back inside, guiped down some chow, then zoomed off again.

Meanwhile, Fred and Wilma were discussing it as Wilma fixed the kitchen up for Betty's surprise party.

"Maybe Barney'll buy Betty a fishin' rod like he did last year." Fred chuckled.

Wilma gave him a dirty look. "Or maybe he'll get her a hammock he can enjoy in the yard like you bought for me last year." Wilma never had time for the hammock, but Fred was always in it.

Then, it was time for the party. Wilma was getting nervous when Barney arrived. He lured Betty over to the Flintstone house on a pretext, and everyone yelled

"Surprise!"

Betty was surprised, but she was really thrilled as Fred and Wilma each produced little gifts that Wilma had shopped for. Then, all eyes turned to Barney. What had he bought for his ever-loving wife?

"Duh, honey, I was stuck for awhile but I finally figgered out a terrific gift! Here It is! Ya'll love It!"

He handed her a square, gift-wrapped box and Wilma reached for it. She almost collapsed when Barney let it go. It was heavy.

"Happy birthday, hon!" Barney said and gave her a

big smooth.

Betty looked at Wilma and giggled. Then, she began unwrapping her surprise gift. When she got the wrapping off, there was a heavy square box. She opened the lid of that, stared at it, then at Barney, and Barney stared back, smiling painfully.

Betty reached in and used all her strength to take

out ... a new bowling ball!

"Barney! It's beautiful! It's exactly what I needed!"
Barney's jaw dropped, then he started backing away
in alarm as Betty raised the ball and leaped toward
him as though to bring it down on his head.



"Duh ... hold it, honey!" Barney mumbled. "I kin take it back an' get ya somethin' ... Dan't hit me with that!"

Betty stopped. She hadn't intended to hit Barney. They were all laughing and she put it back in its box, then they settled down to enjoy the goodies.

Finally, Betty got up to make a speech.

"The party is great, Wilma," Betty teld her friend, "and the gifts were very nice. Even Barney's."

She looked fendly at him. Barney tried to appear

"Barney's was nicest of all because I had \$19 saved to buy him a super-deluxe glitter ball even nicer than the one he bought far me, New, I can use that money to get myself some things I really want.".

They all laughed ... all except Barney. Now, he wished he'd waited. The super-deluxe glitter ball was

the kind he'd really wanted all along.



